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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FUNDS

- 1. FHWA REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF MINISTER OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT.
- 2. FOR ALMOST A YEAR (APRIL 1977) FHWA HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION VI OF THE VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT OF APRIL 28, 1975, TO COLLECT PAYMENT FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FHWA TEAM OF ADVISORS IN HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION STATIONED IN TEHRAN DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1975 THROUGH JULY 1977.
- 3. THE DOLLAR WORKING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE-CITED AGREEMENT REACHED A ZERO BALANCE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1977 WITH AN ESTIMATED DOLS 240,000 OF BILLS REMAINING TO BE PAID.

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- 4. THE FHWA REGRETS THE RELUCTANCE AND SLOWNESS OF THE VRT IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF THESE OUTSTANDING BILLS. FHWA REQUESTS THAT VRT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMEDY THE SITUATION.
- 5. SECOND, CONCURRENT WITH THE SERVICES AGREEMENT, THERE

IS A VRT/FHWA LABORATORY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 10, 1975. THE TOTAL IRANIAN FUNDING WAS

DOLS 2,492,280. THERE REMAINS IN THIS ACCOUNT DOLS 63,106.68.

- 6. IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY TO OBTAIN FUNDS TO PAY SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING BILLS ON HAND, WE WISH TO HEREBY NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT THAT WE ARE TRANSFERRING THE DOLS 63,106.68 FROM THE EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT ACCOUNT INTO THE SERVICES ACCOUNT AS OF THIS DATE.
- 7. WHEN FULL RESTITUTION (DOLS 240,000) IS RECEIVED FROM THE VRT, WE CAN THEN TRANSFER THE DOLS 63,106.68 BACK TO THE PROCUREMENT EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT AND FINALLY RESOLVE IT WITH THE TESTING LABORATORY IN THE NORMAL MANNER. CHRISTOPHER

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